

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)	Conf. No.: 5520
Kazutoshi TODA, et al.	j)
Serial No.: 10/696,134)	Group Art Unit: 3682
Filed: November 29, 2003)	Examiner: Lenard A. Footland

For: A BEARING PART AND FABRICATION METHOD THEREFOR

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 9, 2006

Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated December 21, 2005 having a shortened statutory due date of March 21, 2006. Therefore, this response is being timely filed.

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2005, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as set forth below.